

wine and liquor license, which shall be paid to the [clerk for the use of the county] BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS before any such license is issued.

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(d) (1) The board [shall in its discretion direct the clerk not to] MAY REFUSE TO issue a license whenever in its opinion any petitioner or petitioners is or are an unfit person or persons to be granted such license; or in the discretion of the board when the place for which the license is applied for is not a proper one with reference to the public peace and general welfare of the neighborhood or to the character of its inhabitants, due regards being given to the number of said licenses issued for said neighborhood as well as all specific restrictions and conditions set forth in this article.

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(c) In Allegany County (1) [The clerk] (I) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL ACCEPT AND PROCESS APPLICATIONS AND FEES FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES AND shall cause notice of each application to be published once in each week for two consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper published in the town or city in which, or nearest to which, the applicant's proposed place of business is to be located. (II) The notice shall specify the residence of the applicant, the location of the place of business and the owner of the premises for which said application is made. (III) Where the publication might be made in one of several newspapers the applicant may designate the one in which the publication shall be made[; the]. (IV) THE first publication shall be not less than fifteen days before the time fixed for the consideration of such application.

(2) At the time fixed by the notice for hearing upon the application or upon any postponement of such time, any person shall be heard on either side of the question.

(3) In all hearings upon applications and remonstrances under the provisions of this article, the general reputation of the applicant or licensee and of the place of business and of the people who congregate therein or thereat shall be admissible in evidence.

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[(b) In Allegany County upon receipt by the Clerk of the Court of such license fees, he shall retain the Clerk's commission and pay the remaining fees to the county treasurer, who shall thereupon remit and pay unto each and every incorporated town or city in said county one half of the amount of license fees received from the Clerk for each and every license hereunder which shall have been issued for a place of